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## Washington State Labor Federation Unanimously Endorses Lane A. F. of L.

Convention Denounces C. I. O. Unions for Refusing to Obey Majority Rule and Declares That Lewis Group is Backed by Communists Seeking to Destroy Not Only Democracy in the Labor Movement but Also Our Democratic Government and Institutions.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
The annual convention of the Washington State Federation of Labor, held at Pullman, Wash., unanimously adopted a statement upholding the American Federation of Labor and its determination to provide democratic procedure in the Federation despite the attacks by John L. Lewis' Communists for Industrial Unionism.

In addition, the convention emphasized the social menace of the C. I. O. because it is established by the constitution to provide democratic procedure in the Federation despite the attacks by John L. Lewis' Communists for Industrial Unionism.

The convention was the largest but one in the history of the State Federation. There were 120 delegates present, representing 120 local unions and 20 central labor councils, 14 Federal labor unions, six card and label leagues and two women's organizations.

### TEXT OF STATEMENT

Following is the text of the convention's statement:  
Since its very inception, the American Federation of Labor has been a democratic and efficient organization, representing the workers of America. It consistently fought the attacks of the C. I. O. in its behalf, either socially, economically or politically, and it has always given the result of the uniting efforts of the Federation.

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## GREENS POSSESS ON WAGE-HOUR BILL

A. F. of L. President Recognizes Need For Wages and Hours Legislation, But Hopes For Revision of Measure in House.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Washington, D. C.—The position of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, with respect to the pending Wage and Hours Bill is completely set forth in a brief statement issued here.

"However, we recognize the need for legislation of wages and hours legislation. For that reason, we cannot but support the House Bill for further consideration, it would be a step in the right direction."

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## ROSS DENOUNCES C. I. O. BEFORE MISSISSIPPI LABOR CONVENTION

A. F. of L. Representative Scores Lewis for Alliance With Communists Whose Aim is Overthrow of the Government by Force and Establishment of a Dictatorship; Cites Achievements of American Federation of Labor in Improving Living Standards by Agreements Faithfully Observed.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
The un-American policies developed by the Committee for Industrial Organization since the union that established it refused to side by the decisions of the 1932 convention of the American Federation of Labor were thoroughly exposed by H. Ross, Southern district representative of the A. F. of L., in a stirring and lasting speech before the 19th annual convention of the Mississippi Federation of Labor at McComb, Mississippi.

Reports made by delegates to the convention, which was the largest and most enthusiastic held in Mississippi, revealed that due to the vigorous and united support of the American Federation of Labor by the Mississippi trade union the C. I. O. and its disorganizing and destructive methods were being exposed to the workers in the State. The convention was unanimous in its loyalty to A. F. of L. principles and policies.

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## American Federation of Labor Stands For Democracy's Defense, Green Says

In Addition, We Will Resist Every Attempt Made by Subversive Forces to Impose Upon the Organized Labor Movement of America an Imported Philosophy Designed to Substitute Dictatorship and Autocracy in America for Democratic Rule, Individual and Collective Freedom and for the Right to Establish and Maintain Trade Unions Founded Upon the Principle of Industrial Democracy; He Tells Ohio State Federation of Labor Convention.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Dayton, Ohio.—The delegates to the annual convention of the Ohio State Federation of Labor held with cheerfulness the following program from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, to Thomas J. Donnelly, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Federation.

"I extend to you and through you to the officers and delegates in attendance of the Ohio State Federation of Labor Convention the fraternal greetings of the officers and members of the American Federation of Labor and its personal federation."

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W. H. H. President of the United States of the Communist ticket; Norman Thomas, President of the United States of the Socialist ticket; and John L. Lewis himself, who would establish himself as the dictator of a sovietized United States."

**BN-Dewey Strikes Condemned.**

Stressing the importance of President Green's declaration aligning the American Federation of Labor positively against the Communist C. I. O. out-down strikes as subversive and out of place in the organized labor movement, Mr. Ross emphasized the A. F. of L. policy of improving the economic conditions of working men and women by

The time has come for action," Mr. Ross said in conclusion. "Times like this mean that men and women prepare for war against the forces that would destroy our form of government. As far as the American Federation is concerned, there is enough red in Old Glory for me and you shall be found in the front line trees and actions."

"Our organization has been established for more than fifty-six years. It was founded by men and women who were devoted to the principles of organized labor. It is the labor movement of our fathers. It is an institution firmly established in the economic, social and industrial life of the nation. It is the movement to which millions of men and women have sworn allegiance. America will endure so long as the American Federation of Labor endures and the American Federation of Labor will endure so long as American labor will endure."

**Recalls Last Message of Gompers.**  
 "When Samuel Gompers was on the way to his great reward, his dying words were: 'God, bless our American institutions, may they grow better day by day.' God bless your memory, Sam; we shall keep the faith, we shall finish the fight, we shall win the victory."  
 "Oh, ye of little faith; oh, ye deserters; oh, ye who would deliver us into the hands of our enemy: oh, ye

He would forget the organization that saved his life, that nurtured you, and that befriended you when you were weak and without friends; take heed and repent now before it is too late, for the apes of Gompers are upon you.

"I know not what course those shall take who split the labor movement away, but I am sure I will speak for Mississippi Labor. We shall fight on and on for social and economic justice for the black and the white masses."

"Lord, God, of hosts, be with us yet; lest we forget! lest we forget!"

## Union Wrecking California Revealed

country," his statement said. "The entire nation is concerned. The question lies not entirely with Labor, but also with the employers and capital. Labor itself must make a choice. But the employers must likewise choose. The Communist-CIO combine will do neither faction any good.

"It is up to the employers of the state of California to decide, now, whether they shall choose between the A. F. of L. and its subsidiary, the California State Federation of Labor, or with the Communist-CIO combine, whose leaders invoke and apply un-American principles and methods."

"What is your choice?" the bulletin asks. "Legitimate labor and a successful peace? The Communist-CIO combine, turmoil, and general strikes, losses and hardships? The employer and worker must decide—and decide quickly."

"In short, the worker must get out and militantly stand up for his rights

against an unpleasant corner, vanguard commented. "The employer is not going to do it for him. The Communist-CIO combine will not do it for him. The worker must protect himself by remaining loyal to legitimate labor."

A. F. of L. Opposes Communism.

Turning to the American Federation of Labor, the following are the remarks of Mr. Vandineur said:

The A. F. of L. is an American institution, and its Americanism is institutional and dedicated to the basic principles of Americanism. It is the champion of the economic welfare of the American people, and it is the champion of the preservation of the California State Federation of Labor, the largest part of the A. F. of L.

For more than 50 years the A. F. of L. has been a state and, in the nation at large, led a militant, just and courageous fight against the abuses and excesses of the working men and women of this country.

The American Federation is unalterably opposed to Communism and alien influences, and it is a constant threat to the true and basic American way of securing economic, social, political and moral progress.

"It is up to legitimate Organized Labor to continue digging out the weeds and brush from the garden of Americanism on a normal and sane basis, or else suffer the consequences of the law of the jungle." With this long record of success, will die.

Vandineur said the Federation will

**52 RESTAURANTS SIGN UP WITH CHATTAHOOGA UNION**

The agreements provide for the closed shop and, while minimum wages and maximum hours are still out of joint, substantial gains were made and the way opened for still further gains.

Wages range from a minimum of \$8 per week for waitresses to \$18 for waiters. Male employees will work a maximum of 63 hours weekly and female employees 56 hours, with time and one-half for overtime.

**MINNEAPOLIS DRY CLEANERS**  
WIN 27 CLOSED SHOP PACT

**WIN \$7 CLOSED SHOP FACTS**

Minneapolis, Minn. (AFL-NEA).—Laundry and Dry Cleaners' Local Union No. 20 and 122 report the completion of union closed shop agreements with 21 dry cleaning and laundry owners. The union also won four straight victories by arbitration decisions.